

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 21-089

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

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SUBJECT: DISCOVERY COMPLIANCE SYSTEM ALERT ON THE
ELECTRONIC CHARGE EVALUATION REQUEST (eCER)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

The Electronic Charge Evaluation Request (eCER) application provides a secure portal through which law enforcement agencies submit police reports electronically to the LADA for charge evaluation. Law enforcement agencies throughout the county continue to migrate to this platform and are submitting cases for filing consideration. Currently, eCER is available for line-operations filing. eCER access will be expanded to include special units in the coming months. This gradual rollout provides the opportunity to make changes to the system that increase efficiency and effectiveness, and assure access to the information needed to make informed filing decisions.

Effective September 30, 2021, a new tool that identifies potential discovery information will become operational in PIMS for cases submitted for filing consideration via eCER. The tool provides notice of potential Brady/ORWITS information when there is a possible match regarding at least one officer listed as a witness in the submitted case materials when the eCER case is initially opened in PIMS by the reviewing deputy.

On the eCER Summary View screen, a DCS field now appears. When a possible match of at least one officer listed as a witness exists in the DCS (Brady/ORWITS) database, a "Y" appears in the DCS column.

In addition, on the eCER Detail View screen, the DCS button appears, and is enabled when there is a possible match of at least one officer listed as a witness. When the button is enabled, reviewing deputies shall click on the DCS button and view the list that identifies the possible matching officer.

DCS (Brady/ORWITS) information is available at multiple points in both eCER and PIMS. The information will now be flagged on the PIMS Copy Booking menu, PIMS Main Summary screen, PIMS Officer Involvement screen, and the PIMS Officer Selection screen. Reviewing deputies thus have multiple opportunities during the filing process to identify and review any possible DCS information regarding involved officers in evaluating whether criminal charges against the identified suspect(s) are supported by sufficient credible, admissible evidence.

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